

Minutes of the
City Commission for the City of Traverse City
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2015



A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Traverse City was called to order at the Commission Chambers, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan, at 7 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Michael Estes, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara D. Budros, James Carruthers, Jeanine Easterday, Gary Howe, Ross Richardson, Tim Werner.

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Estes presided at the meeting.

As requested by Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Budros, Agenda Item 2(h) was removed from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration by the Commission.

2. Consent Calendar

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Richardson, that the following actions as recommended on the amended Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda be approved:

- a. the minutes of the April 13, 2015, Special Meeting, April 13, 2015, Joint Study Session, April 20, 2015, Regular Meeting and April 27, 2015, Study Session be approved.
- b. the Mayor and City Clerk execute a Reimbursement Agreement with the Conservation Resource Alliance to provide \$20,000 in funding for administrative and managerial services in connection with the Boardman

River Dam Deconstruction Project (Brown Bridge Dam Deconstruction Project), such agreement subject to approval as to its substance by the City Manager and its form by the City Attorney, with funds available in the General Fund.

- c. Traffic Control Orders 578 and 579, which require the removal of “No Parking” on Rose Street from Centre Street to Front Street and the removal of “No Parking between the Hours of 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm, Except Sundays” on Hannah Avenue from Hannah Avenue from Bates Street to Garfield Avenue and on the west side of Rose Street from Hannah Avenue to Wood Street, respectively, be adopted to be made permanent.
- d. that an amendment to the Traverse City Code of Ordinances, *Liquor License Registration Revocation Clarification*, Section 834.07, which clarifies that the City Clerk may revoke liquor license registrations for the same reasons liquor license applications may be denied, which is a housekeeping matter, which was introduced on April 6, 2015, be enacted with an effective date of May 14, 2015.
- e. the competitive bidding process be waived; and that the Acting City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order to Traffic & Safety Control Systems, in the amount not to exceed \$74,200 for a Pay-In-Lane Device for the Hardy Parking Deck, with funds available in the Traverse City Parking System Capital Outlay Fund.
- f. the City Commission approves the increase in Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Rob Bacigalupi’s annual salary from \$70,320 to \$72,430, as approved by the Downtown Development Authority Board of Trustees.
- g. the Mayor and City Clerk execute a unit prices contract with B&B Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$59,550, more or less, at the unit prices indicated in its bid, for the 2015/2016 Traverse City Stormwater Treatment Systems and Catch Basin Maintenance Project, such contract subject to approval as to its substance by the Acting City Manager and its form by the City Attorney, with funds available in the Local, Major and MDOT State Highway Funds.

- h. Removed from the Consent Calendar.
- i. the competitive bidding process be waived; and that the Acting City Manager be authorized to issue a service order to Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc. in the amount of \$9,500.00 for emergency piling repairs at the Duncan L. Clinch Marina, with funds available in the Marina Fund.
- j. the Acting City Manager be authorized to issue a confirming purchase/service order in the amount of \$17,939.30 to Brenner Oil Co. for 10,001 gallons of unleaded gasoline priced at \$1.79375 per gallon with funds available in the Garage Fund.

CARRIED unanimously.

Items removed from the Consent Calendar

a.

Consideration of authorizing a contract for staffing services for the Traverse City Arts Commission.

The following addressed the Commission:

Rob Bacigalupi, Downtown Development Authority Executive Director
Lauren Tribble-Laucht, City Attorney
William Twietmeyer, City Treasurer/Finance Director

No action was taken.

3. Old Business

3(a).

Public hearing regarding the Acting City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/16.

Mayor Michael Estes opened the public hearing.

The following addressed the Commission:

Mike Coco, 325 Wellington Street – made general comments

Julie Clark, 604 West 12th Street – made general comments

There being no one further desiring to speak, Mayor Michael Estes closed the public hearing.

3(b).

Consideration of approving Phase Two, Preliminary Design Documents, extending the project completion date to August 14, 2015, due to ice conditions on West Grand Traverse Bay and adopting a resolution supporting a \$5,000 grant to Rotary Charities to develop a funding strategy for the Traverse City Public Pier Project.

The following addressed the Commission:

Missy Luick, Planning and Engineering Assistant

Bob Doyle, SmithGroup JJR

Emily McKinnon, SmithGroup JJR

Moved by Budros, seconded by Richardson, that the City Commission approves Phase Two Preliminary Design and authorizes SmithGroup JJR to proceed with Phase Three; and that the Mayor and City Clerk execute an amendment to the agreement with SmithGroup JJR (originally authorized August 4, 2014), for professional design services associated with the Traverse City Public Pier Project, which would extend the project completion date from June 1, 2015, to August 14, 2015, such amendment subject to approval as to its substance by the Acting City Manager and its form by the City Attorney; and that the Resolution of Support for Rotary Charities Planning Grant Public Pier Funding Strategy, for a \$5,000 grant to prepare a funding strategy for the Traverse City Public Pier Project, be adopted.

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street – made general comments

Ryan Matuzak, 3911 White Birch Drive, Green Lake Township - made general comments

Michael Sutherland, 7888 Peninsula Drive, Peninsula Township – made

general comments

William Calcutt, 1141 Peninsula Drive – expressed opposition

Deni Scrudato, 422 East State Street – expressed opposition

Rick Zaner, 516 Sixth Street – made general comments

Chris Maxbauer, 503 West Eighth Street – made general comments

Joe Cruzen, 741 Indian Trail Boulevard – made general comments

Jack Nolan, 437 West Seventh Street – made general comments

Mike Radcliff, 2133 Krumluff Road, Kalaska – made general comments

Steve Largent, 5445 Sharmin Road, East Bay Township - made general comments

Roll Call:

Yes - Carruthers, Easterday, Richardson, Budros, Estes.

No - Howe, Werner.

CARRIED.

4. New Business

4(a).

Consideration of a request from Mayor Michael Estes for the City Commission to adopt a resolution opposing the construction of a nuclear waste repository on the Great Lakes Basin.

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Easterday, that the Resolution Opposing the Construction of a Nuclear Waste Repository, be adopted, and that the City Clerk send the signed resolution to Governor Rick Snyder and the Stop the Great Lakes Nuclear Dump organization in Ontario, Canada.

The following addressed the Commission:

John Nelson, 4022 Incochee Crest Commons, Garfield Township, The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay Baykeeper – made general comments

Roll Call:

Yes - Easterday, Richardson, Carruthers, Budros, Estes.

No - Howe, Werner.

CARRIED.

5. Appointments

5(a).

Consideration of appointment of one member to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Moved by Werner, seconded by Richardson, that Matthew Ross (seat previously held by Seamus Shinnars) be appointed to one unexpired term expiring September 1, 2016, on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

CARRIED unanimously.

5(b).

Consideration of appointing an ad hoc interview committee to make recommendation regarding five appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Moved by Budros, seconded by Easterday, that Matt Hanley and Margaret Szajner, (seats previously held by Matt Hanley and Margaret Szajner) each be reappointed to one three-year term expiring June 30, 2018, as regular members and that Brad Matson and James Wegener (seats previously held by Brad Matson and James Wegener) each be reappointed to one three-year term expiring June 30, 2018, as alternate members, and that Christopher Carol be appointed to one three-year regular member term effective July 1, 2015, and expiring June 30, 2018 (seat held by Martin Lomasney) on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

CARRIED unanimously.

5(c).

Consideration of appointing an ad hoc interview committee to make recommendation regarding three appointments to the Historic Districts Commission.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

Moved by Budros, seconded by Howe, that Andy Andres and Eric Mansuy (seats previously held by Andy Andres and Eric Mansuy) each be reappointed to one three-year term expiring June 30, 2018; and that Christopher Carol be appointed to an unexpired three-year term effective immediately, with the term expiring June 30, 2017, on the Historic Districts Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Budros, with agreement by Commissioner Gary Howe, withdrew the motion.

Moved by Budros, seconded by Howe, that Andy Andres and Eric Mansuy (seats previously held by Andy Andres and Eric Mansuy) each be reappointed to one three-year term expiring June 30, 2018; and further that an ad hoc interview committee be established to make a recommendation regarding an appointment to one unexpired three-year term expiring June 30, 2017, on the Historic Districts Commission (seat held by Karl Brockmiller) and that Commissioners Richardson, Easterday and Howe be appointed to such committee, with Commissioner Richardson to serve as Chair.

CARRIED unanimously.

6. Reports and Communications

The following were received and filed:

- a. Reports, announcements and correspondence from the City Manager.
- b. Announcements from the City Clerk.

- c. Reports, announcements and correspondence from the Mayor and City Commissioners.
- d. Reports and correspondence from other City officials, boards and committees.
 - 1. Reports from members of the Commission serving on boards.
 - 2. Minutes of the Act 345 Retirement System Board meeting of January 28, 2015.
 - 3. Memo from the City Treasurer/Finance Director regarding delinquent water and sewer charges as of December 31, 2014.
- e. Reports and correspondence from non-City officials.
 - 1. Monthly Operations Report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from CH2M Hill for March 2015.

7. Public Comment

The following addressed the Commission:

- 1. Reserved.

None

- 2. General.

Chris Maxbauer, 503 West Eighth Street
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street
Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Budros
Commissioner Tim Werner
Commissioner Jeanine Easterday

- 3. Mayor and City Commissioners.

There being no objection, Mayor Michael Estes declared the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Benjamin C. Marentette, MMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)